

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to all issues raised in the Office Action mailed

5 December 10, 2003.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,658,478 to Singhal, et al. Claim 21 has been canceled
10 without prejudice or disclaimer herein. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

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CONCLUSION

All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the present application.

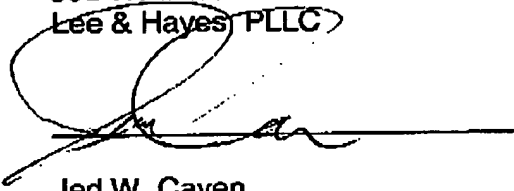
Should any issue remain that prevents immediate issuance of the application,

5 the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the unresolved issue.

Respectfully Submitted,
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